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SHAMBLES IN THE BRAMBLES—These five railcars derailed on the Burlington Northern west switch line headed to Cargill Grain Division at Hart just before 12 noon Tuesday. A broken rail caused the accident, which also tore up nine rail links. The five cars which were derailed included three carrying corn syrup, one transporting corn gluten meal and another carrying ammonium thiosulfate. The only thing "spilled" in the accident was corn gluten meal, according to Burlington's Dimmitt Railroad Agent Gary Hufhines. The loads

carried in the five cars will be transferred to other cars, then the damaged units will be transported to a shop to be rebuilt. Hufhines said the damaged cars were being removed from the scene Wednesday, and he expected the track to be open and in operation by late Wednesday afternoon. He added that 300 feet of track will have to be replaced. No injuries were reported and no damage estimates were available.

Photo by Deana McLain

Corn growers to hear update on trade talks

Texas corn growers can expect to hear updates on the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Tuesday at the annual Texas Corn Growers Association (TCGA) and Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) meeting in Dimmitt.

Theme for the meeting will be *Challenge for the '90s*. The meeting will begin with registration at 9 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. A lunch will be prepared and served to those attending the meeting by local members of the Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE).

Continuing education credits will be offered to pesticide applicators attending the meeting.

The meeting will focus on vital domestic and international trade and legislative activities which will have a direct impact on corn farmers across Texas, according to Carl King of Dimmitt, president of

the Texas Corn Growers Association.

"The controversial GATT talks and those on the NAFTA will be thoroughly discussed at the meeting," said King. "As written, these policies will have a negative impact on Texas corn farmers and virtually all of agriculture. The future of both under the new Clinton administration and new congress will be reviewed."

He added that preliminary discussions of what needs to be included in the 1995 Farm Bill will also be addressed.

King will open the morning session by giving his report on TCGA activities. Then Don Kimbrell, president of the Texas chapter of the American Agriculture Movement (AAM), will address the convention.

An update on activities of the American Corn Growers Association and discussion of that group's

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Redistricting hearing is set

All interested persons are invited to attend an open meeting to discuss the redistricting process for Castro County.

The meeting will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria at 1505 Western Circle Dr.

Members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Redistricting are encouraged to attend. Also present will be members of the Castro County Commissioners' Court and County Judge Polly Simpson.

The county's legal counsel in the redistricting process, Virginia Ellen Daugherty and Bobbye C. Hill of Daugherty and Associates, P.C., of Amarillo, will lead in discussion of proposed redistricting plans.

An interpreter will be provided for those for whom English is a second language.

Comments and recommendations from all interested persons will be welcome.

Coach released

The Dimmitt School Board has voted to purchase the remaining portion of Bill Rogers' contract.

Rogers, the head football coach at Dimmitt High School, had almost a year and a half remaining on his contract with DISD. He was released from his duties as of Friday.

The school board met in executive session last Thursday night with Rogers and his attorney. Re-

convening in open session, the board voted unanimously to purchase the contract.

The agreement had not been finalized as of Wednesday morning, because Rogers had not yet signed it.

"The board made a decision they felt was in the best interests of Coach Rogers and the district," said David Schaeffer, president of the school board.

"Bill was an asset to our community and the school, especially in the area of setting a moral code of conduct for the students," Schaeffer said of Rogers. "There are a lot of positive things he has done to help Dimmitt and DISD."

Schaeffer said the school board discussed appointing a committee of school administrators, school board members, and community representatives to help evaluate applications from prospective replacements for the position of head football coach.

"As a school district, we realize

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

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Friday	50	23	
Saturday	57	21	
Sunday	61	21	
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Tuesday	31	24	.07
Wednesday	32	25	.31

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Kenley is named to all-state choir

Nikki Kenley, a senior at Dimmitt High School, has been named



Nikki Kenley

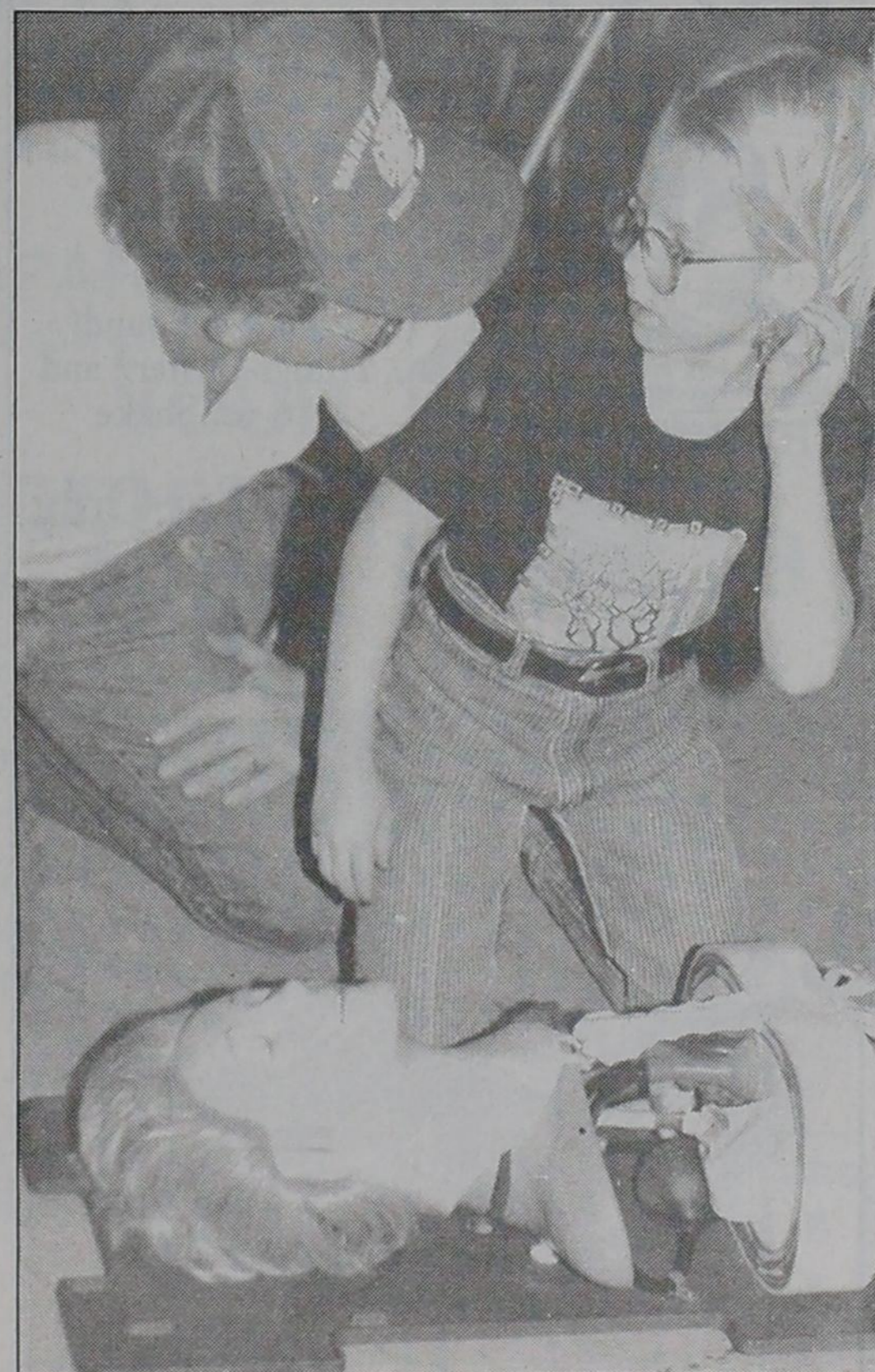
first chair for the Alto II section of the All-State Choir.

She will perform with the choir Feb. 13 in San Antonio at the Texas Music Educators' Association Convention. Rehearsals in San Antonio will begin Feb. 10, and activities there will include sightseeing, etc.

Kenley qualified for the All-State Choir by auditioning Jan. 9 at the Area try-outs at Odessa High School, accompanied by a music tape and critiqued by a panel of five judges. Selections included passages from *In Windsor Forest* and *Hosanna in Excelsis*, as well as a sightreading selection.

She also has been awarded first chair status in Regional and Pre-Area auditions.

Kenley is the daughter of Paul and Barbara Kenley of Dimmitt.



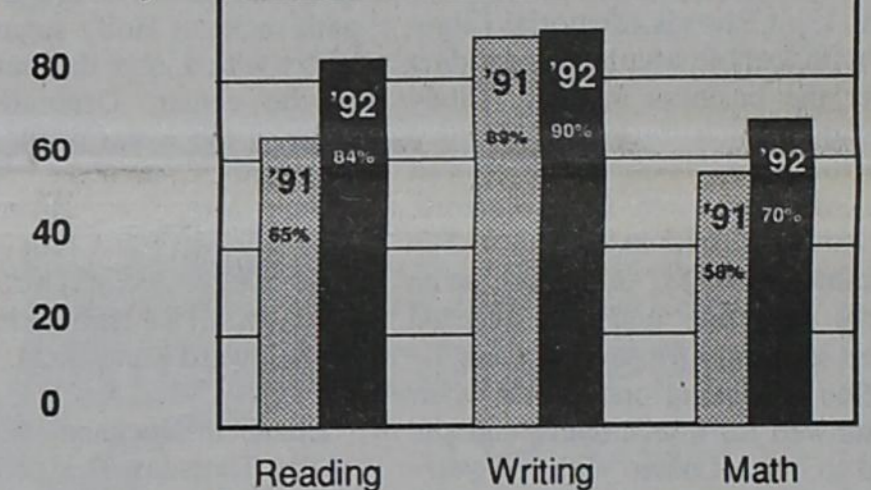
LISTENING INTENTLY to cardio-pulmonary resuscitation instructions is Daphne Burrows, 10. Her instructor is also her father, Vic Burrows. A CPR class was held at the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. Saturday morning, with seven other students participating. All those taking the class received a certificate of completion.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

DIMMITT TAAS Exit Level Scores

(1991 and 1992 11th grade scores)

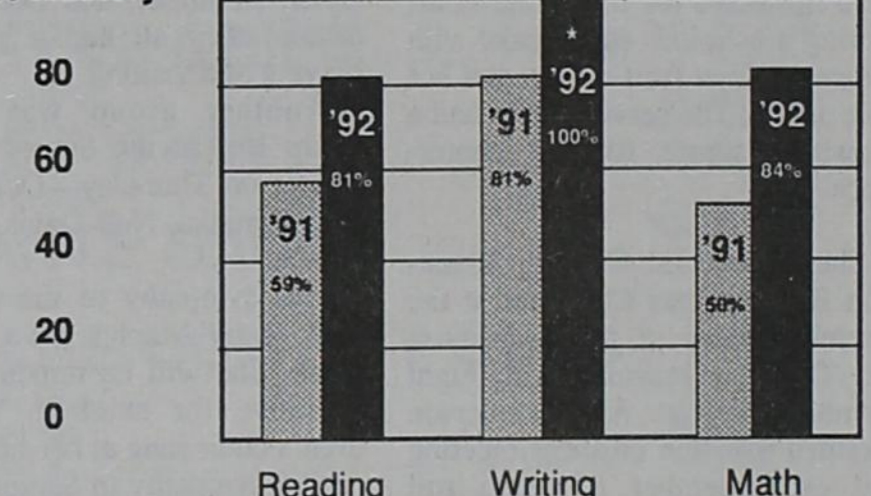
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(1991 and 1992 11th grade scores)

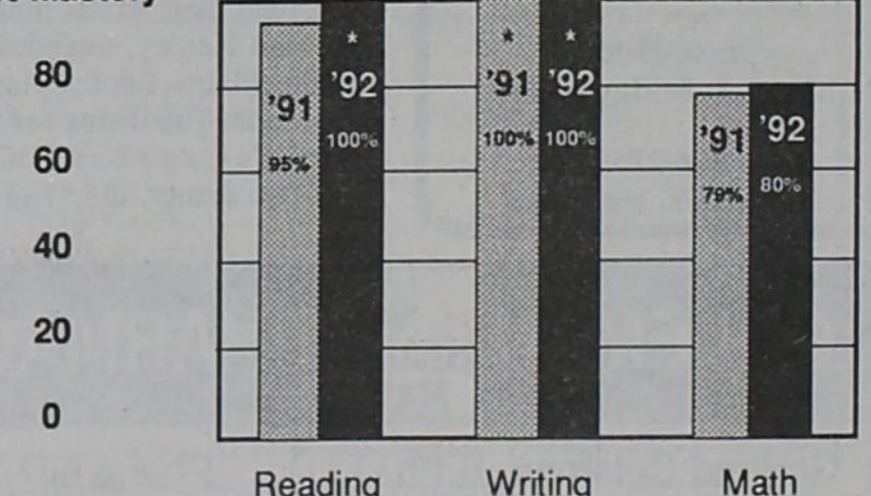
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NAZARETH TAAS Exit Level Scores

(1991 and 1992 11th grade scores)

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TAAS REPORT CARD—The three bar graphs above represent the increased percentage of mastery on the exit level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test by juniors from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. Juniors from the three schools took the test in October and showed across-the-board improvement in each of the three areas—reading, writing and math. Their scores also were higher than the statewide average. Students are required to pass the exit level test before they can graduate. The shaded bar represents scores by juniors in 1991 and the black bar designates the scores juniors achieved this year. (See related story on Page 14).

Graphics by Paula Portwood

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By Don Nelson

When Wayne Collins broadcast the Bobbies' game at Littlefield Friday night, KDHN did something clever, transmission-wise, so that Linda Grand could hear the play-by-play on the telephone in her hospital room in Lubbock.

Linda's daughter, Tara, plays low post for the Bobbies.

Linda has been diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia and is in Lubbock Methodist for four weeks. Room 1082, in fact. And no flowers or fresh fruit, please—doctor's orders.

She'll be hearing the play-by-play of all the Bobbies' games while she's in the hospital.

"I wish I could say it was my idea, but I can't," Wayne said. "Bennie Baker thought it up."

Press, Kent Hance has decided not to enter the US Senate race.

Gov. Richards has appointed Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger, a conservative Democrat, to serve in Lloyd Bentsen's place until a special election in May. Sen. Bentsen is the new Secretary of the Treasury.

The special election in May will draw a cattle-car full of candidates. But Kent—a Dimmitt native who has been a state senator, congressman and railroad commissioner—won't be one of them.

"I've been surprised that the Democrats have been so united (behind Krueger's appointment)," Kent told the AP. "I had a lot of business commitments that I just could not get out of. And we've got

According to the Associated

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Girl Scouts to begin selling cookies Friday



GIRL SCOUTS.

Girl Scouts in the county will begin selling cookies Friday and will continue through Feb. 14.

Cookies will be delivered between Feb. 20 and March 6.

The Girl Scout cookie program gives girls opportunities to learn to set goals, develop responsibility, practice money management and experience the satisfaction of following through on a commitment.

This year customers will find the cookies wrapped in brand new boxes designed to communicate the values found in contemporary Girl Scouting. Each box features a message from a girl sharing her views on a Girl Scout experience.

The cookies will sell for \$2.50

per box and proceeds will go directly to troops to fund weekly activities, trips and service projects and to the Caprock Girl Scout Council to provide program, staff services and facilities.

Seven different varieties of cookies will be offered for sale.

For more information or to purchase cookies, contact any Girl Scout member or troop leader in the county.



COOKIE SALE INCENTIVES—Local Girl Scouts Valerie Gonzales of Troop 193, Holly Lane of Troop 20 and Taryn Hays of Troop 193 show off the re-designed boxes of Girl Scout cookies which will go on sale in Dimmitt Friday. The girls are

working toward winning one of the prizes displayed—a troll doll, bear, t-shirt, travel cups and more. For more information or to order cookies, contact any Girl Scout. *Photo by Anne Acker*

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Locals attend Pro-Life rally

The Castro County Pro Family Forum sent 10 members and guests to join the 200 participants in the Right to Life Rally and March held Saturday afternoon in Amarillo.

Speaker for the rally was Mrs. Akua Furlow, a Pro-Life leader from the Houston area, who serves as the Texas Coordinator for Black Americans for Life (BAL). She graduated from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a degree in sociology, black studies and elementary education.

She told the audience she is the daughter of a rape victim, and that she was an unwed mother at 16. She said she is "now happily married and the mother of seven children."

Furlow compared abortion to slavery days "when people claimed slavery was their choice and how they treated their slaves was also a matter of choice."

"Slaves were, and now babies are, victimized after being dehumanized," Furlow said.

Furlow told the crowd that in her personal research in Massachusetts she discovered a letter written by Margaret Sanger, the "mother of

Planned Parenthood." Furlow said in that letter Sanger "expressed the desire to eliminate the Negro race."

"Mrs. Furlow encouraged the marchers not to be discouraged or give up, for just one person might be influenced to not poison (through saline solution), or dismember, or suction the life in the womb, which has a heartbeat at 21 days and brain waves at six weeks," said Deanne Clark, local Pro Family Forum member who attended the rally and march.

At the conclusion of the rally, held at Bonham Middle School in Amarillo, the participants carried placards and walked to Paramount Elementary School, escorted by Amarillo policemen.

Castro County residents who participated included Betty and Duane Espinosa, Darla Stewart, Ed and Betty Freeman, Ronnie Wilhelm, Irene Wilhelm, Alice Polizine, Ann Kern, and Clark.

The group met Irene Robel and Willie Faye Huseman, former group members, for lunch, and then went to the rally together.

Nazareth

By Virgle Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Joe and Amy Schmucker who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

A mass of Thanksgiving was offered in Holy Family Church Sunday morning and after that, family members visited with the couple at their home. The rest of the day was spent quietly at home, since they have both been sick recently.

An open house was held Sunday morning from 10 to 12 noon at the new Nazareth Museum.

The committee has worked hard to make the museum a very interesting place to tour. Thanks for the items the community has given or loaned that are on display at the museum.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner catered by the Legion Auxiliary on Sunday at the center. They also gave each one a really neat poem entitled "Heaven's Grocery Store."

Congratulations to Jerry and Judy Lange who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday

with a dinner at the Nazareth Community Hall for family and close friends. After the meal, those present enjoyed playing card games, looking at pictures and visiting.

Prayers are asked for Tinie Hoelting, who has been a patient at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo for over two weeks after undergoing two surgeries. We hope this will be a good week for her.

Congratulations to Doyle and LaDawn Schulte on the birth of a girl, Chelsea Brook, Sunday, Jan. 10 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She has one brother, Taylor. Grandparents are Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker and Floyd and Dorothy Schulte. Great-grandparents are Joe and Amy Schmucker, Greg and Tinie Hoelting and Louise Braddock.

Prayers are asked for Lorene Birkenfeld who is a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. After leaving the hospital, Lorene will recuperate at the home of her daughter, Maggie Hill.

Reading help is available

Tutors are available to help anyone learn to read.

There is no charge, and pupils learn at their own pace. The one-on-one teaching also affords privacy.

Call 647-5352 if you are interested.

The touching hands you have extended to us in compassion and love during his hospitalization and since his death have given us both comfort and joy. The comments and stories shared reaffirms to us that he practiced and lived his beliefs wherever he was.

We thank you for the many ministries given to and done for us—being there, food, memorials, music, calls, prayers, the joy and the love. Because of you all, our loss is made lighter.



In Christ's love,

Ruby Bagwell, Sue and Monty Boozer, Carolyn and George Sides, Gregg and Lynn Sides, Cinde and Don Ebeling, Kim and Ed Watson, Robert Boozer, Laurie and Joe Hill, Kyla and Jodie Riley, Britt Boozer

It's Braggin' Time!

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Send or bring us a photo of your grandchild (we promise to return it unharmed), and we'll place it in a special display frame like the one at left, with your grandchild's name and yours, and on **Thursday, Feb. 11** your little Valentine will appear in the paper!

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People



Charles Allen and Carolyn Osborn

Engagement is announced

Carolyn Osborn of Dimmitt and Charles Allen of Little Rock, Ark., are announcing their engagement. Osborn has served as the Castro County Extension Agent-Home Economics for almost two years, and she recently has accepted a position with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in East Texas. She will be transferring there in a few weeks. Allen is self-employed and is involved in the trucking industry in Texas and Arkansas. The couple's wedding date will be announced later.

Carolyn's Corner

By Carolyn Osborn
CEA-Home Economics

When you have an illness or chronic medical condition, prescription medicine can mean the difference between sickness and health, or even life or death. Yet failure to comply with physicians' prescriptions is a major cause of continued illness and increased health-care costs.

If your physician prescribes medication for you, the Texas Medical Association urges you to have the prescription filled and take the medicine following directions. According to the National Council on Patient Information and Education, 30 to 50% of prescriptions are not taken correctly by patients. In fact, one in five patients never has the prescription filled. One in seven stops taking the medication too soon and nearly a third who do fill the prescriptions fail to have them refilled.

Before prescribing medication, however, your physician needs to know your past and current medical history, any prescription or over-the-counter medication you are taking, any drug allergies you may have, your level of alcohol use and whether you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. This information will help your physician determine the proper medication and dosage.

These tips can help you take medicines safely and accurately:

- ◆ Read the label each time you take the medicine.
- ◆ Never take medicines in the dark.
- ◆ Call your doctor if you take the wrong medicine or the wrong amount.
- ◆ Make a "master list" of every drug prescribed by every doctor who treats you with the name of the drug, dosage, instructions for use and reason the drug was prescribed.
- ◆ Watch for new problems or symptoms after starting a new drug or changing dosage of an old one.
- ◆ Develop a system of adminis-

tering your medication. A weekly "pill minder" may be helpful.

- ◆ Store your medicines properly. Most medications require a cool, dark, dry and secure place. Do not keep medicine in a bathroom cabinet because of moisture.
- ◆ Keep all medicine out of reach of children.
- ◆ Discard expired or out-of-date medication, both prescription and over-the-counter.
- ◆ Never give your prescription medication to anyone else or take someone else's prescription medication.

Used properly, safely and effectively, prescription medications can help you keep or regain your good health.

Scholarships awarded to two county students

Melissa Brockman and Rita Ann Pohlmeier have been presented scholarships for the 1992-93 school year from Texas Tech University's College of Home Economics.

Brockman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brockman of Nazareth, is a senior early childhood education major. She was presented the Janice Helen Jordan Scholarship.

Pohlmeier, daughter of Philip Pohlmeier of Nazareth, is a graduate student majoring in restaurant, hotel and institutional management. She was awarded the Ida Parks Thompson Scholarship.

County students interested in studying at Texas Tech are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Home Economics, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41162, Lubbock 79409-1162. Applications are due Feb. 15.



I know that my husband was ecstatic over the birth of our children. I'm sure he got teary-eyed and tight in the throat at life experiences like their first steps, first words, his first tractor purchase. . . . But all of this excitement pales in comparison with the unconfined joy of last Sunday's gridiron masterpiece.

The Cowboys are going to the Super Bowl!

He was positively giddy. Now you should know me well enough by now to know that I rank football season right up there with root canal work and rice cakes. However, that was before I observed this strange metamorphosis in my armchair quarterback.

Here we had a regular farmer kind of guy who was dealing with the worst and wettest winter of his adult life as any manic depressive would — peering through mini blinds, cursing his fate and ordering baked goods.

He wandered around in search of co-op meetings, equipment auctions, parts stores—any gathering with men wearing caps and muddy boots who were facing similar pathetic circumstances.

The children and I were inches away from being in the cotton field with blow dryers and long sacks.

And then the Cowboys won.

Visions of a Super Bowl title dance in his head and he is a boy again. There are no worry lines on his face as he calls his football brethren near and far for post-game highlights and pre-Super Bowl strategy.

He will spend the next week-and-a-half being kind to friends and family. He will be thrifty, loyal and courteous — anything to insure a Cowboy victory. (We'll have to watch him closely to make sure he doesn't sacrifice the cats. He's always looking for an excuse to do that.)

Above all, he will be happy.

Could it be that all these years I've misjudged the importance of football?

Could it be my Normal Rockwell haze of dreaming what Sunday afternoons could be (i.e. going for ice cream, walks in the park, playing games) should be replaced by

dreams of football? Should I have turned myself and my children into Dorito-munching, remote control-clutching lumps in the chair every Sunday afternoon from August to January? I think not.

But just in case I'm wrong, GO COWBOYS!

Child care conference scheduled

Persons involved in child care or who are interested in infant development are invited to attend a conference Feb. 6 at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo.

The 7.5 instructional hours may be applied toward day care licensing requirements set by the Texas Dept. of Human Services. Also, credit may be earned through the West Texas State University Division of Continuing Education for a fee of \$10. The continuing education credit fee may be paid at the registration table the day of the conference.

The registration fee for the conference, "Challenges for Children In Our Changing Times," is \$25 if it is turned in by Jan. 27. Late registration may be turned in as late as the day of the conference, and will cost \$32.

The Fifth Season Inn-East, located at 2501 I-40 East is offering special room rates for conference participants. Reservations may be made by calling 379-6555. The name of the conference should be mentioned to obtain the special rates.

A continental breakfast and a lunch will be included in the registration cost. Call 1-800-456-4862 to register for the conference or for more information.

Sponsored by Children's Enterprises, Inc. of Amarillo, the conference will include sessions on infant safety, self-esteem, ages and stages of development, stress management, infant care, infants with AIDS, children with disabilities, dental care for children, play therapy, and children's activities.

Adult ed class set

Adult education classes are being held on Monday and Tuesday nights at Dimmitt High School.

Those wishing to prepare for the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) test, and those who wish to learn how to read, write and speak English are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for attending.

The classes meet every Monday and Tuesday night from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The adult basic education classes meet in Room 40, and the English as a second language (ESL) classes meet in Room 28.



MR. AND MRS. DON MOKE
... Celebrating 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Reception to honor pair

Don and Carolyn Moke of Dimmitt will be feted with a reception on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The celebration will be held in the fellowship hall of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church at 1201 Western Circle Dr., and is being hosted by the children of the couple, Trampas, Coby and Kendra Moke.

Don Moke married Carolyn Lee on Jan. 20, 1968 at Summerfield. They have two sons and a daughter-in-law.

Don is the owner-operator of Running M Boot & Bath Shop in Dimmitt, and Carolyn is owner-operator of the Clip 'N' Curl beauty shop in Dimmitt.

RWSWCD sets essay contest

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring an essay contest for students ages 12 to 18, with US Savings Bonds offered as prizes.

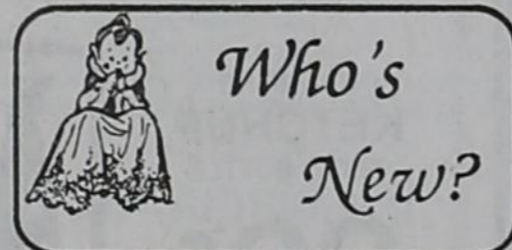
Contest entries should be about soil and water conservation, and must be at least 300 words in length. The entry deadline is Feb. 1. Boys and girls are eligible to enter.

Three winners will be recognized, with first place receiving a \$100 savings bond, second place a \$75 bond, and third place a \$25 bond. The winners will receive their prizes at the annual RWSWCD Awards Banquet, planned for April.

The top three essays also will be sent to compete at the regional level, and winners there will be recognized at the SCS Regional Banquet in Plainview.

"Parents, please encourage your children to participate in this contest," a RWSWCD spokesman said. "We hope to have many quality essays from which to select our winners."

For more information, call the local SCS office at 647-4324.



PLAINS MEMORIAL
It's a girl for Donna Bailey and Chris Phillips of Dimmitt. Their baby girl was born at 8 p.m. on Jan. 5 weighing 6 lbs., 1 oz. and measuring 18-1/2 inches long. She has been named Jirrie LuAnn Bailey. Paternal grandmother is Geneva Phillips of Dimmitt. Maternal grandmother is Renda Bailey of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Claudia Cantrell of Earth, Hallie Bailey of Childress and LuAnn Gableman of Dimmitt.

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SIGNING PARTY—Panhandle author D.R. Meredith (left) signs copies of her work for Dimmitt Book Club members (standing, from left) Susie Bradford and Dude McLaren during last Wednesday's regular meeting. Meredith was the guest speaker at the event.

Courtesy Photo

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Palo Duro Presbytery will meet Friday and Saturday at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock. Sunday school classes will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. "Everything is Yours" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, slated to begin at 11. The mid-week Bible study will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

Gerald Aalbers will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a Bible study Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hart.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

There will be a communion service instead of mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Confessions and the 5:30 p.m. mass, both on Saturday, have been cancelled. The special collection Sunday will be for the church in Latin America. Father Choong will be attending an annual retreat in Amarillo Monday through Friday while Deacon Joe Ortega will attend the retreat from Friday through Sunday. There will be confessions on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 4:45 to 5:20 p.m.; followed by a 5:30 p.m. mass. CCD classes for students in the sixth through 12th grades will be held Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. A movie and short discussion will be held.

First Baptist

The First Baptist Church will hold a "World Missions Conference" Jan. 31 through Feb. 3. The conference opens at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31, with a talk by Dr. Orby Butcher on "Foreign Missionaries to Thailand." Then an all-church dinner will be held, following by another talk by Butcher. The week-day conferences each will begin at 7 p.m. The schedule includes "Foreign Missionary to South Africa," by David Clark on Feb. 1; "Home Missionary to Fort Sam Houston" by Chaplain George Bearden on Feb. 2; and "State Missionary" by Elmin Howell on Feb. 3.

"Every year more than one million people are renewed and changed through personal contact with Southern Baptist missionaries while attending World Missions Conferences," said a spokesperson for the church. "The power of the personal testimony of those who are in missions for Christ will touch you, your family and our church family."

Stock show entries due

Any 4-H'er who plans to show livestock at the county stock show in February must fill out an entry card and return it to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Friday. For more information, call the Extension office at 647-4115.

Top citizens, teacher to be honored Jan. 30

The unveiling of Castro County's "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years" and "Teacher of the Year" will be held at the Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet on Jan. 30. The "denim and lace affair" will be held at the Expo Building in Dimmitt, and the public is invited to attend. Don Nelson will emcee the banquet.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller said those attending are asked to dress casually, wearing boots, jeans, western shirts or other western attire. Theme for this year's banquet will be *Lucky You, Lucky Me, Castro County's the Place to Be*.

The banquet will be catered by the *Methodist Men* and the menu will include "juicy, tender, delicious steak," *baked potato, salad, bread and dessert, according to Heller*. Entertainment will be provided by the *musical group Harmony*, which includes Zelda Ellison, Amy and Travis Thornton, Lisa Mosley and Phil Cothan. The group will perform during the banquet and for an hour after the banquet during a reception honoring the award winners.

Nominations for the citizen and teacher honors were accepted until Friday and Heller said she received "fair response." She added that nominations carry over for three years, so the judges will have a number to select from. Heller is asking local businesses to purchase \$10 student tickets for youths who might wish to attend.

These tickets may be purchased by calling Heller at the Chamber of Commerce office at 647-2524. Advance adult tickets also may be purchased at the chamber office.

Medical funds established

Medical funds have been established at the First State Bank of Dimmitt for Lisa Mixson, who has contracted Hodgkin's Disease; and for Linda Grand, who has acute myelogenous leukemia.

Mixson's illness was diagnosed on Dec. 29, according to her husband, Terry. (Hodgkin's Disease is characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes and inflammation of other lymphoid tissues, especially of the spleen.) Since then she has undergone one biopsy and has traveled to Lubbock several times for tests. She will undergo a second surgery today (Thursday) and will remain in the hospital for four to five days.

Grand is a patient at Lubbock Methodist Hospital and will be there for four weeks. She is in Room 1082 South. Under doctors orders, she is not allowed to have flowers or fresh foods in her room.

Contributions may be made to the Lisa Mixson Medical Fund or Linda Grand Medical Fund in care of the First State Bank of Dimmitt, P.O. Drawer 929, Dimmitt.

The Book Shelf

By CINDY POTTORFF
Rhoads Memorial Library

Inspiration is only when you originally get an idea. The rest is hard work.

That's what D.R. Meredith told members of the Book Club last Wednesday. Meredith writes books set in the Texas Panhandle. She has published nine and is about to release four more. Most of her books are mysteries.

Trapped in her home with a toddler and a colicky baby during a nasty winter, Meredith read mysteries for diversion. One evening her husband suggested that she write mysteries herself. She told him it would never work because most mysteries are set in New York or England.

"Why don't you write about the Panhandle?" asked her husband, who grew up in Dumas.

"And I'll make the hero a sheriff and dispose of the body in a barbecue pit!" she told him.

That conversation was the unlikely beginning of her first mystery novel, *The Sheriff and the Panhandle Murders*. The book was a

success and so she developed the "Sheriff" series, which also includes *The Sheriff and the Branding Iron Murders* and *The Sheriff and the Folsom Man Murders*. Two more titles in the series are slated for publication later this year.

"I was trying to explain the Panhandle to the outside world," said Meredith, while explaining why she wrote the series.

Meredith's second mystery series features magnetic Canadian defense lawyer, John Lloyd Branson, and his sassy legal clerk, Lydia. Current titles include *Murder by Impulse*, *Murder by Deception*, *Murder by Masquerade*, and *Murder by Reference*. A fifth book in the series is due out in July.

Murder by Masquerade is about prostitution on Amarillo Boulevard.

"Before anyone asks me, no I did not go under cover for that book," Meredith said, while explaining how she researches her books. She did talk to prostitutes, but "from a distance."

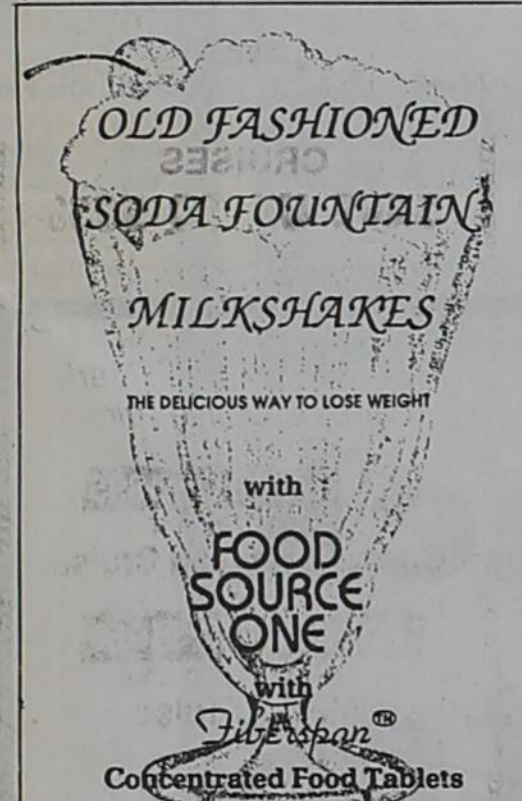
Since her husband is an assistant prosecutor, she gets plenty of help from friends who are part of the Amarillo Special Crimes Unit.

Meredith's books are not about real people, with the exception of well-known historical figures, such as Charles Goodnight.

She is branching out into historical novels about ranching in the Panhandle.

A Time Too Late, described as a "four-hanky novel," is being released this month. The book's central character, Mattie Jo Hunter, "did what she had to do as women have always done," according to Meredith.

Meredith's second historical novel, *The Reckoning*, is due to be released in September.



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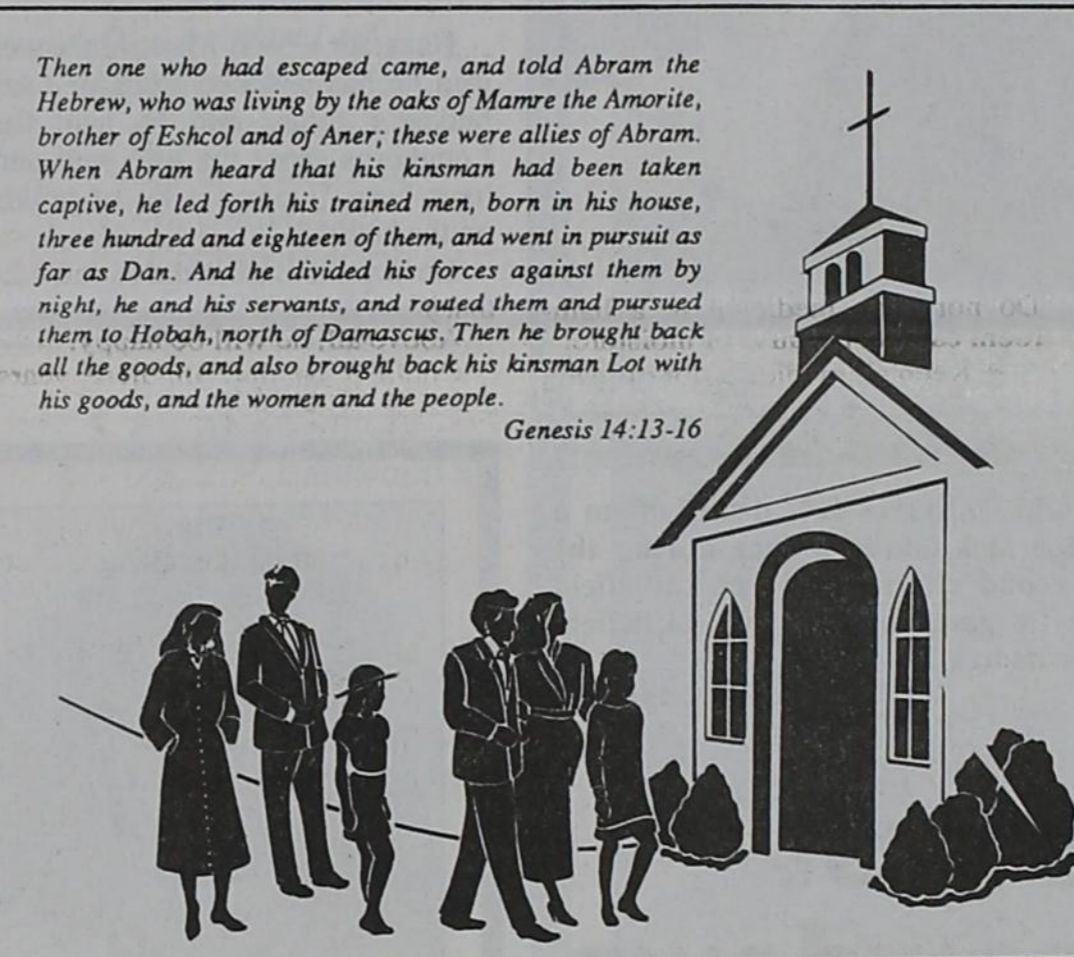
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Sports



FOOLED YA!—Dimmitt's Fernando Ontiveros (14) dishes off to a teammate after driving to the lane and faking a shot during the second quarter of the Bobcats' second district game at Littlefield Friday night. Although it was a tie game at halftime, Littlefield prevailed, 51-33, dropping the Bobcats to a 1-1 district mark.
Photo by Don Nelson

'Cats lose first district showdown

The Dimmitt Bobcats suffered their first District 2-AAA loss Friday night at the hands of the Littlefield Wildcats, 51-33.

The loss moved Dimmitt into a two-way tie with Floydada for second place in district play. (The Bobcats beat Floydada in the district opener). Tulia and Littlefield are currently tied for first place with 2-0 loop records.

The Bobcats may have lost one district game, but there are a lot of games left to be played. And Coach Ken Cleveland said the district is so evenly matched, that no team is a clear favorite.

Dimmitt was scheduled to play Friona Tuesday, but that game was postponed and will be played Saturday night at 8. That means the Bobcats will be forced to play three district games in five days—Tulia on Friday, Friona on Saturday and Muleshoe on Tuesday.

But Cleveland said he doesn't think it will hurt the Bobcats.

"If anything, it may be to our advantage. We just need to settle down and start playing basketball and win some games. Tulia barely beat Friona and Friona played Littlefield pretty close. Floydada has already beaten Littlefield twice, and we beat Floydada. So we are capable of beating Littlefield and we'll be ready for them when they come here."

In Friday night's game the visiting Bobcats had been down for most of the first half, but managed to tie the game at 19 at halftime, thanks to Jeromy Casey, who sank a desperation shot from half-court as time expired.

But nothing would go right for the Bobcats in the second half. That shot gave the Bobcats momentum at the end of the first half, but

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Nazareth teams to open district play Tuesday

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes are favored to claim playoff berths again this season, and the first trip down that road will begin Tuesday night, when the teams travel to Lazbuddie for a District 13-A opener.

After that, Nazareth will travel to Happy on Jan. 29 and will follow that up with home games against Cotton Center (Feb. 2), Lazbuddie (Feb. 5) and Happy (Feb. 9) before finishing out district play with a road trip to Cotton Center on Feb. 12.

The girls' district race is shaping up to be a repeat of the last several years—it'll be a dogfight between the Swiftettes and Happy Cowgirls.

The Swifts are favored to dominate opponents in the boys' race, with Happy and Lazbuddie expected to battle it out for second.

Tuesday's opener at Lazbuddie will begin with the girls' game at 6:30 p.m., followed by the boys' showdown at 8.

Although Lazbuddie has a 6-13 record, Nazareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet says that record is deceiving.

"They've got a new coach and she's done a lot with the team. They're better than they were last year. Lazbuddie has some good athletes and they could sneak up on some teams," Tarbet said.

He added that the Lady Horns are small, but they are very quick.

On the flip side, the Lazbuddie boys could give the Swifts a run for their money. With a 11-4 record, Lazbuddie is one of the favorites to claim one of the two playoff berths from District 13-A.

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said he has watched films of Lazbuddie's games and he said the Longhorns shoot the ball well and have been "putting a lot of points on the board."

He expects Lazbuddie to run a 2-2-1 press and a 1-2-2 zone defense.

"Lazbuddie could give us some

tough competition," Makeever said. "They've got one kid who shoots the ball well from outside and he's averaging in the mid 20s."

As for the rest of the district, Makeever said Happy played well early in the season, but has fallen off in the past couple of weeks. The Cowboys play a "pretty good man-to-man defense" and have a post-oriented offense geared toward 6-3 post player Todd McNeill. Makeever said he doesn't know a lot about Cotton Center, the other District 13-A team.

The Nazareth teams will take on Happy in the second district matchup, with the first showdown slated to take place in Happy.

"Happy's probably the team to beat in district," said Tarbet. "They're going to be tough. They've got everybody back, and they made it to the regional finals last year. They're playing well now. They've got a deliberate and patient offense and they are tough and aggressive on defense."

Tarbet said his team has been in a "shooting slump" lately, but he hopes to have those problems ironed out by the district opener.

"We'll have to shoot well to beat Happy, that's for sure. And we can't afford to be flat against Lazbuddie, either," Tarbet said.

After losing twice to Happy in district play last year, the Swiftettes advanced to the regional semifinals before losing in overtime to Claude—on a buzzer-beater. Claude then took on the Cowgirls in the regional title game and had no problems, winning handily and advancing to state.

Tarbet said that gave his team a little more confidence about their chances of beating Happy.

"They're ready for that game and they're really motivated this year," Tarbet said.

"I think we're ready for district," said Makeever. "The guys played well against Lorenzo, until the last

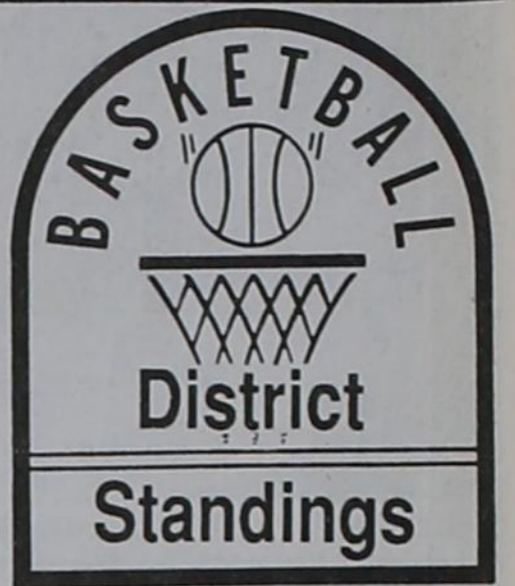
quarter, and they are supposed to be the top team in our region. The guys have been waiting for this all year and I think they're going to be ready to play."

DMS adds names to honor roll

Dimmitt Middle School recently named honor roll students for the third six-week grading period and for the semester.

A portion of the fifth grade honor students were inadvertently omitted from the list that was turned in to the News. They are listed below:

- Third Six Weeks**
- All A**
Ivan Flores, Patti George, James Jackson, Julie Merritt, Zackery Morgan, Kyle Wood.
- A-B**
Joseph Acevedo, Oscar Chavarria, Debra Garcia, Tait Gripp, Heather Jeter, Orlando Marrufo, Sylvia Medrano, Angela Montiel, Ernesto Porras, Kassandra Sanchez, Carol Summers.
- Semester**
- All A**
Ivan Flores, Patti George, James Jackson, Julie Merritt, Zackery Morgan, Kyle Wood.
- A-B**
Joseph Acevedo, Tiffany Baker, Oscar Chavarria, Lilia Dominguez, John Fuentes, Debra Garcia, Tait Gripp, Heather Jeter, Orlando Marrufo, Sylvia Medrano, Angela Montiel, Kassandra Sanchez, Carol Summers.



DISTRICT 2-AAA			
Team	Boys Dist. Halves		Overall
	1st	2nd	
Tulia	2-0	0-0	11-5
Littlefield	2-0	0-0	11-8
Dimmitt	1-1	0-0	4-13
Floydada	1-1	0-0	10-8
Muleshoe	0-2	0-0	8-12
Friona	0-2	0-0	6-12

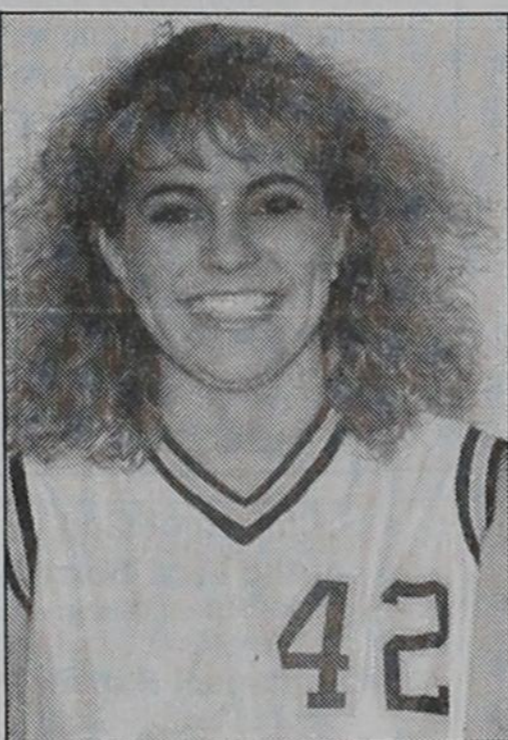
DISTRICT 2-A			
Team	Boys Dist. Halves		Overall
	1st	2nd	
Dimmitt	2-0	0-0	20-2
Muleshoe	2-0	0-0	16-5
Friona	2-0	0-0	15-6
Littlefield	0-2	0-0	11-10
Floydada	0-2	0-0	10-9
Tulia	0-2	0-0	5-14

DISTRICT 2-A			
Team	Boys Dist. Halves		Overall
	District	Overall	
Sudan	2-0	6-3	
Farwell	2-0	10-11	
Vega	2-0	8-8	
Bovina	0-2	11-6	
Kress	0-2	1-17	
Hart	0-2	0-13	

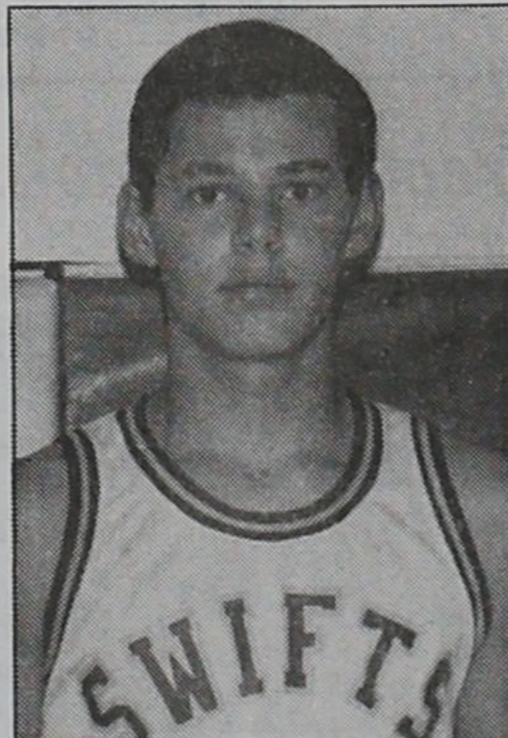
DISTRICT 2-A			
Team	Girls Dist. Halves		Overall
	District	Overall	
Sudan	2-0	17-4	
Farwell	1-1	12-7	
Vega	2-0	11-5	
Bovina	1-1	8-10	
Hart	0-2	11-11	
Kress	0-2	1-13	

DISTRICT 13-A			
Team	Boys Dist. Halves		Overall
	District	Overall	
Nazareth	0-0	12-6	
Lazbuddie	0-0	11-4	
Happy	0-0	7-6	
Cotton Center	0-0	4-13	

DISTRICT 13-A			
Team	Girls Dist. Halves		Overall
	District	Overall	
Happy	0-0	16-6	
Nazareth	0-0	14-6	
Lazbuddie	0-0	6-13	
Cotton Center	0-0	4-12	



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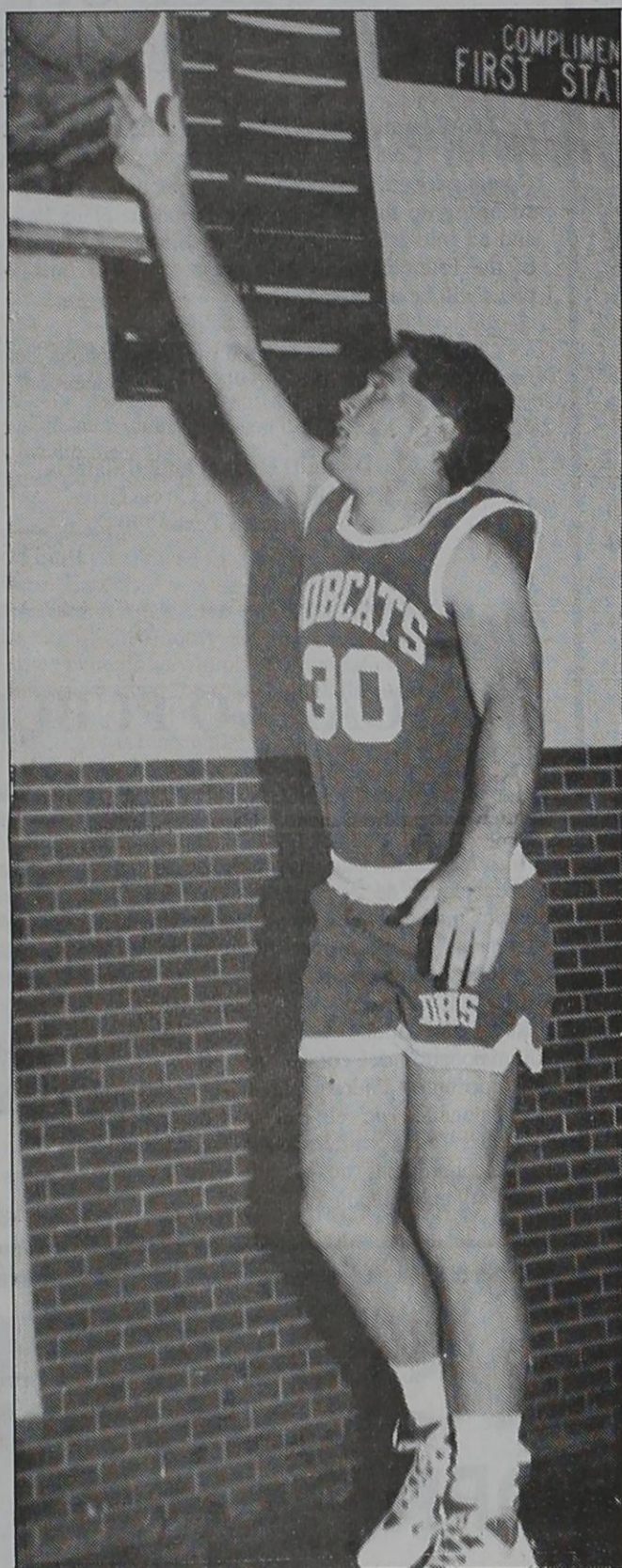
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Bobcats:

66, River Road 65
 43, Levelland 80

Borger Tournament:

41, Dumas 54
 46, Vernon 63
 54, Borger JV 34
 (Seventh Place)
 46, Brownfield 75

Plainview Tournament:

62, Estacado 82
 45, Hale Center 73
 49, Abernathy 54
 (Eighth Place)
 47, Hereford 50
 58, Slaton 61
 48, Randall 68

Caprock Tournament:

44, Lubbock 54
 70, Lorenzo 88
 65, Nazareth 60
 62, Floydada 49
 33, Littlefield 51

Record: 4-13, 1-1

Bobbies:

59, River Road 57
 46, Levelland 40

Queens Classic:

65, Randall 53
 39, Levelland 32
 46, Canyon 25
 (Championship)
 72, Coronado 32

Levelland Tournament:

63, Amarillo 57
 51, Abernathy 44
 76, E.P. Eastwood 53
 45, Levelland 41
 (Championship)

63, Monterey 49
 77, Estacado 26

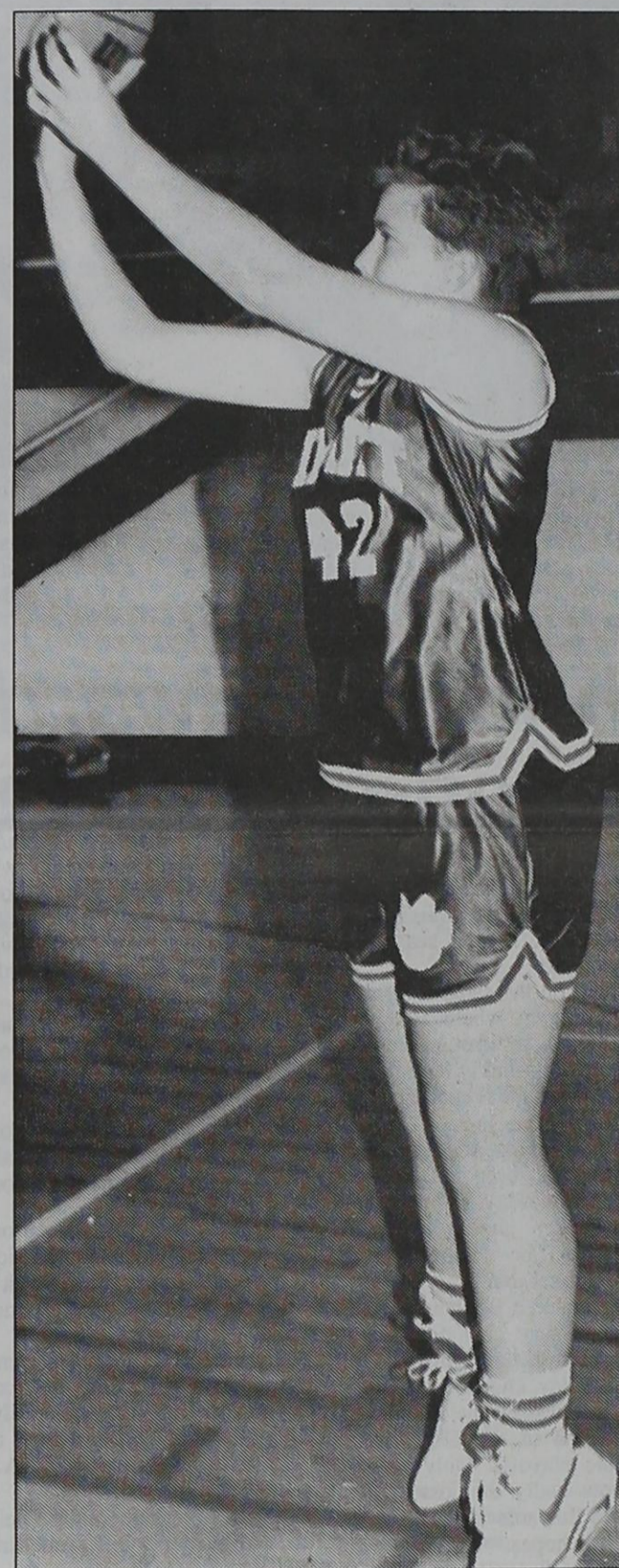
44, Randall 42

53, Clovis 31

Caprock Tournament:

34, Happy 29
 69, Aubrey 56
 48, Randall 53
 43, Canyon 46
 (Fourth Place)
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 75, Floydada 31
 66, Littlefield 37

Record: 20-2, 2-0



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WENDI ETHRIDGE snares a rebound for Dimmitt and prepares to pass off to teammate Halley Bradley (21, foreground) before coming down in first-quarter action in Littlefield Friday night. In left background is Dimmitt's Kim Thomas (23). This game turned out to be Ethridge's last for

Dimmitt; the all-state post forward suffered a season-ending knee injury in the second quarter. The Bobbies won the game easily, 66-37, to extend their season record to 20-2 and their District 2-AAA record to 2-0. Photo by Don Nelson

Ethridge, Edwards suffer season-ending injuries

The Bobbies suffered a disastrous *deja vu* Friday night at Littlefield when all-stater Wendi Ethridge went down with a season-ending knee injury.

It happened on the same spot in the Littlefield gym where Halley Bradley suffered an identical knee injury last season—and at the same point in the game, the second quarter.

And Holly Edwards, a 5-6 senior point guard, has been sidelined since last Wednesday, after she suffered a broken jaw in an accident at school. She is not expected to return this season.

The No. 1-ranked Bobbies had legitimate state championship hopes both last year and this year. But with Bradley knocked out of the lineup last season, the Bobbies were eliminated in the bi-district round of the playoffs. Only time will tell how badly the losses of Ethridge and Edwards will eat into this year's title hopes.

Ethridge, a 5-8 senior post forward who already has signed for a basketball scholarship for Texas A&I University, was playing her usual yeoman game Friday night when the accident occurred. Apparently, Ethridge was racing up the backcourt, then she planted her right foot and attempted to turn. She stepped across with her left foot, but her right foot didn't turn with her body, and that caused her knee to give out, according to Ethridge's mother, Kathy Ethridge.

Mrs. Ethridge said Wendi will undergo surgery on her knee Monday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo and after that she will have to undergo six to eight months of rehabilitation.

She had scored nine points and was frustrating the Littlefield offense with her rebounds, shot blocks and steals.

"This is just one of those unfortunate things that happen," said Dimmitt Coach Richard Wood.

"We've got to pick up and go on, and work toward winning district. Our goal is to get to state and that's what we're shooting for. We're not going to give up by any means."

For the record, Friday's game was another notch in the "W" column as the Bobbies won easily, 66-37, improving their record to 20-2 and 2-0 in District 2-AAA play.

Dimmitt's pressure defense held Littlefield to four points in the first

quarter and two in the second quarter and built up a 41-6 halftime lead.

Littlefield had a little more success in the second half, limiting the Bobbies' offense to 25 points. The Lady Wildcats even managed to score 31 points—six more than Dimmitt—in the second half. But Dimmitt's dominating first-half performance enabled the Bobbies to hold for the win.

Bradley was Dimmitt's leading scorer with 15 points.

Soil survey is underway

High Plains Water District and US Dept. of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service personnel are collecting data for the annual pre-plant soil moisture survey.

The survey will determine the general soil moisture availability and deficit trends across the 15-county High Plains Water District service area.

Review of the pre-plant soil moisture survey information helps agricultural producers determine the amount of water they need to apply to bring their five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity without over-irrigating or under-irrigating.

Historical data shows that there is a better likelihood of producing above-average crop yields when the plant root zone of the soil is at or near field capacity prior to planting.

"The soil moisture was low at the start of the 1993 survey. Even though the 1992 growing season started out with the five-foot root zone soil profile at or near field capacity, rainfall during late summer was below normal, leaving very dry soil conditions," said Willie Crenwelge, USDA-SCS soil scientist. He added that recent snow and rainfall have helped reduce soil moisture deficits in some portions of the district.

Soil moisture sites are selected based upon soil types, the local saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer which indicates possible well yields and crop water requirements in the area. Each site represents typical dryland or irrigated farming conditions in the area.

Water District and USDA-SCS personnel use neutron moisture meters to gather soil moisture data.

Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot soil profile by lowering a neutron probe into a previously-installed aluminum access tube.

Data collected during the pre-plant soil moisture survey is then used to construct maps illustrating the soil moisture available for plant use within the five-foot root zone soil profile and the amount of water needed to bring the soil profile to field capacity.

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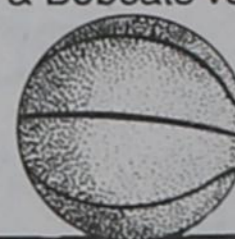
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The Commissioners Court of Castro County and the Citizens Advisory Committee are in the process of reapportioning Commissioners Precinct and Election Precinct boundaries according to the 1990 census. Proposed plans have been drawn and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend one or more of the following public hearings at which times the proposed plans will be discussed.

Citizens comments will be invited in public hearing held on January 25, 1993 at the following time and location.

7 p.m.
Dimmitt High School Cafeteria
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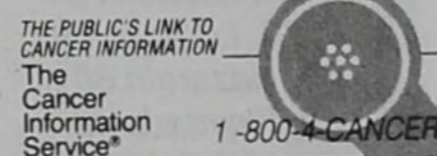
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El Citizen's Advisory Committee en el distrito nuevo, los CComisionados del condado, el Jues de el condado, y otras personas que tiene interes se juntan con su abogada legal, Virginia Ellen Daugherty de la officina de Daugherty Y Asociados de Amarillo, Tejas, para discutir la procesa de el distrito nuevo en una junta con audiencia publica de la corte de Comisionados en la hora 7:00 p.m. el dia Monday de Enero 25, 1993, en la cafeteria de Dimmitt High School. En este junta, ella hace una revista de la ley and regramentos que goverman el distrito nuevo and como applica la procesa en la corte de Comisionados del condado de Castro County, una revista para los corrientes linderos (linea) de los precinctos de la corte de Comisionados de el condado de Castro County, y tambien discutir otras alternativas posibilidades. Ella discutira recomendaciones de la comision y otras personas interesada estan my buien recibidos.

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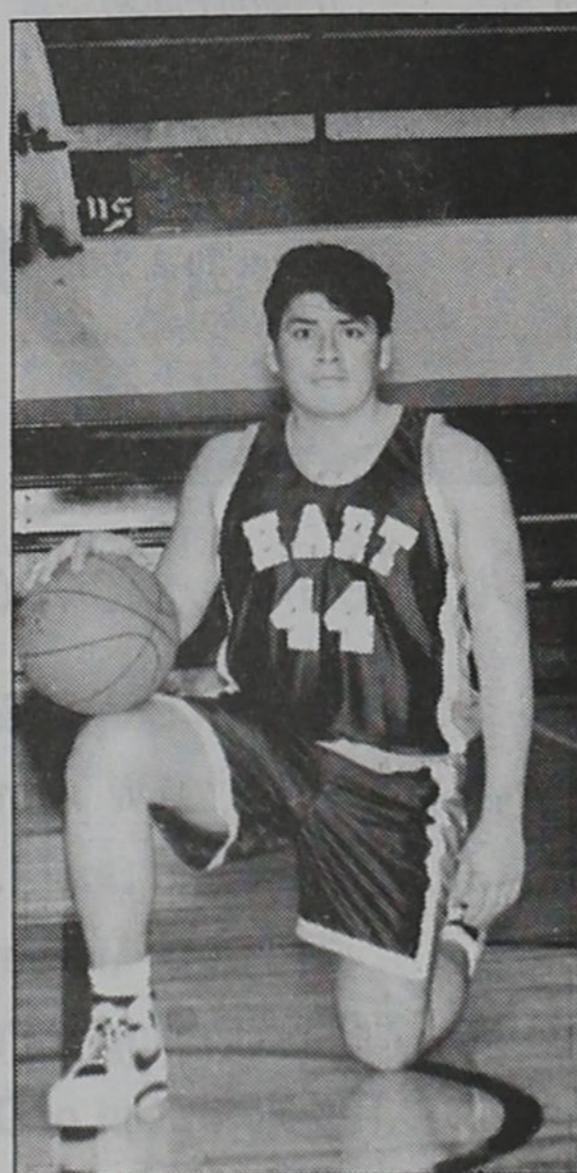
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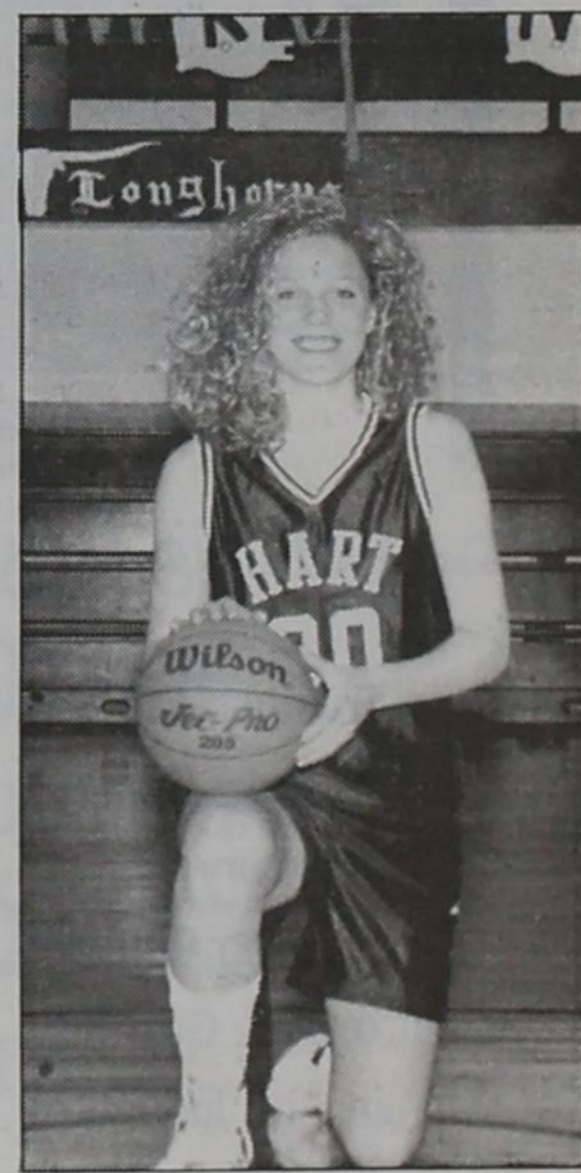
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JUDGES

Lambs.....Storm Gearhart
 Steers.....Marvin Ensor
 Barrows.....Bill Range



RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. General
 1. All entries were due to the Young Farmers, Vo. Ag. Department, Dimmitt High School, 1505 Western Circle Drive by 5 p.m., Jan. 29, 1993. Any incomplete, unsigned or late entry will be fined \$25.
 2. Entry Fee: To be used for bedding, show expense, etc.
 Calves.....\$10
 Barrows & Lambs.....\$10
 3. All livestock must be in place by 12 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1993. Weighing will begin at 4:30 p.m. Animals must be weighed by 8 p.m.
 4. All animals must be weighed at the time of entry by the official weighers. Only one weigh back will be allowed if the animal does not make the limits set. This weigh back must be within one hour of the first weighing or at the discretion of the superintendent.
 5. All animals will be ear-tagged or numbered by the county agent or ag teacher before they are weighed.
 6. Each exhibitor will not be allowed to show more than two calves, two barrows and two lambs. Exhibitor will be allowed to sell no more than three animals and only two animals in any division. If individual shows more than three animals, he must notify the superintendent, immediately after judging, which three animals he will place in the sale.
 7. The number of animals that will be sold through the auction will be as follows: 125 barrows, 125 lambs and 40 steers, or 75% of the total animals that are weighed in: whichever is the smaller number.
 8. The percent of animals to be sold will be figured on each class. If an animal eligible for the sale is pulled, the next animal in line from that class will sell. This will be at the discretion of the superintendent.
 9. Animals that make the show but do not make the sale will be sold with the floor animals, unless the exhibitor pulls the animals within an hour after showing.
 10. All livestock will be sifted by weight. Sifted animals will be the responsibility of the owner and must be removed from the barns by 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12.
 11. A division showmanship trophy will be awarded for beef, swine and sheep. The animals must have been owned, fitted and groomed by the exhibitor for the exhibitor to be eligible for a showmanship trophy.
 12. No calf which has not been owned as of Sept. 1 will be allowed in the show. Barrows and lambs must have been owned as of Dec. 1.
 13. Only active 4-H and FFA members are eligible to show. All livestock entered in the show must have been feed under the supervision of the Castro County Agent or a vocational agriculture teacher of Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth High Schools and must be so certified by one of the above on the entry card.
 14. To be eligible to show, all 4-H club members must be enrolled in a Castro County 4-H Club under the supervision of the Castro County Agent. All FFA members must be enrolled in a Castro County school. All exhibitors must reside in Castro County; be at least nine (9) years of age, or in the third grade; or be enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school located within the county.
 15. All animals must be reasonably dry and clean before weighing. Any animal not so may be declared ineligible to show by the committee in charge of the division.
 16. Animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are loaded on the truck. Any animal left in the barn after trucks are loaded are the responsibility of the seller.
 17. The Dimmitt Young Farmers shall reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor or animal for any reason that is deemed necessary. Also the Young Farmers will not be responsible for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property arising from the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.
 18. Exhibitors and show officials will be the only persons allowed in the show ring.
 19. Any animal sold on the floor must have been entered in the show.
 20. Any exhibitor found violating the rules may be subject to a fine up to \$200 and suspension from the county show for a period of one year. The person signing the entry card also may be fined up to \$200. Entry cards will not be accepted from the offending organization until the fine is paid.
 21. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the livestock show management immediately after occasion for such protest. The protest committee will consist of Young Farmer officers and the various division superintendents.
 22. No animal may leave the stock show premises from the time of weigh-in until after the show without the approval of the superintendent. All take-home animals must be checked out of barns by noon on Saturday, Feb. 13.
 23. Each club will be responsible for cleaning their pen. If pens are not cleaned, a fine of \$200 will be levied. Checks will be held until the fine is paid. All pens must be cleaned by 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14.
 24. No change in the pattern or highlighting of any animal in all three barns by painting or dyeing will be allowed.

25. No adults will be allowed in the show ring during the show or classification.
 26. Exhibitors ineligible to participate at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show due to the "No Pass and No Play" rule cannot have another person or persons exhibit his or her animal or animals.

II. Classifying

Lambs will be weighed and classified at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the show ring. Calves will be weighed upon arrival at the show and will be classed by height and weight. Steer classes will be determined by the superintendent. At least five animals are needed to make a class. Any animal not classified at the proper time must wait until last to be classified.

Judging Schedule

Lambs.....8 a.m., Friday, Feb. 12
 Steers.....11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 12
 Barrows.....1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12



III. Steer Department

1. Only steers are eligible to show.
 2. All calves in the show must weigh at least 900 pounds; however 1,350 pounds is the top pay weight.
 3. The first and second place winners in each of the classes will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
 4. Awards:
 Placings.....Ribbons
 Grand Champion.....Banner
 Reserve Grand Champion.....Banner
 5. If there is not enough of any one class to be placed in a separate class, they will be classed with another class.



IV. Lamb Department

1. Both wethers and ewe lambs are eligible to show.
 2. There will be four breeds of lambs, as follows:
 A. Finewool: This class shall include only purebred of grade Rambouillet or Delaine or a cross between these two breeds.
 B. Finewool Cross: This class will include lambs sired by Suffolk, hampshire, Corriedale or Columbia rams and out of finewool ewes. Lambs that carry more than 50% medium wool breeding will go into the medium wool class.
 C. Medium Wool Class: This class shall include only purebred or grade Hampshire, Suffolk, Corriedale and Columbia or other medium wool cross.
 D. Southdowns: This class is only for purebred Southdowns or lambs that exhibit predominant Southdown characteristics.
 3. Weight Classes:
 Breeds of lambs will be divided into light, medium and heavy classes if there are as many as 30 animals in a breed class; otherwise they will be divided into a light and heavy class. The minimum weight will be 80 pounds. There will not be a top weight, but the maximum pay weight will be 130 pounds.

4. Lambs will be classified in show ring according to breed before weigh-in. A classifying committee will assist the superintendent in placing the animals in the proper class. The classifier's decision will be final. If there are more than 50 in one breed, the superintendent will break the breed into four classes: light, medium, medium heavy and heavy.

5. Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
 6. Lambs wool should be uniform in length—no more than 1/4-inch in length. Top knots are permitted.
 7. Where four animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavyweights will be grouped into a single breed class.
 8. Awards:
 Placings.....Ribbons
 Grand Champion.....Banner
 Reserve Grand Champion.....Banner



V. Swine Department

1. Only barrows are eligible to show.
 2. Barrows weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 260 pounds will be sifted from the show. There will be five pounds variance up or down one weigh back.

3. No feeding will be allowed in aisles. All feed will be dumped outside, on the south side of the barn.
 4. There will be seven breeds of barrows, as follows:

- A. Berkshires
- B. Chesters
- C. Durocs
- D. Hampshires
- E. Spot and Poland Chinas
- F. Yorkshires
- G. Crosses and Other Breeds



5. Weight Classes: Breeds of barrows will be divided into light, medium and heavy classes if there are as many as 30 animals in a breed class, otherwise a light and heavy class. If there are more than 50 in one breed, the superintendent will break the breed into four classes—light, medium, medium heavy and heavy.

6. At the judge's discretion, any obvious violation of classification will result in disqualification of the animal in question.

7. First and second place barrows from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed.
 8. Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
 9. Where five animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavyweights will be grouped into a single breed class.
 10. Barrows will be sold at weigh-in weights.

VI. Sale

Starts at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993

1. Exhibitors selling livestock must have their animals ready to be brought into the auction ring when their number is called.

2. SALE ORDER:

- 1. Grand Champion Lamb, Steer & Barrow
- Reserve Champion Lamb, Steer & Barrow

- All Breed Champions
- All Reserve Breed Champions
- 2. 1/3 Lambs
- 3. 1/3 Steers
- 4. 1/3 Barrows



3. All animals that are to be sold as "take homes" must be listed as such on the sale sheet prior to the sale. Animals not listed as a "take home" on the sale sheet will be sold. If any exhibitor wants to list animals as a "take home," it is his responsibility to notify his county agent or vo-ag teacher. The county agent or vo-ag teacher will present a list of the floor animals and "take home" animals within one hour after the judging. If not notified, the animal will be considered a floor animal. A fee of \$50 will be charged to add or take off a "take home" animal. Ag teachers and county agents are required to remain at the show until all animal counts are balanced.
 4. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell a total of three animals and no more than two in any division.
 5. Any animal donated to be sold back will be sold after the sale.

A concession stand will be operated throughout the show by the Castro County 4-H Clubs.

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Master Gardener program open to county residents

Castro County residents with the proverbial "green thumb" can sharpen their gardening skills and help others in their community by taking part in a new program being offered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Participants must agree to attend at least five of eight training sessions, pay a \$50 fee and agreed to provide 50 hours of volunteer service in their county during 1993.

Training sessions will begin Feb.

9. Other sessions will be Feb. 11, 18 and 23; and March 2, 9, 16 and 30. Subjects to be covered include botany, soils, turf, use of chemicals, the "Don't Bag It" lawn care program, house plants, landscape design, xeriscapes, water conservation, fruits, nuts, woody ornamentals, herbaceous ornamentals, windbreaks, roses, annuals, vegetables, insect control, plant diseases, weed science and composting.

"We're joining other South Plains counties to conduct an intensive Texas Master Gardener program," said J.D. Ragland, county Extension agent. "This is 50 hours of outstanding instruction in all aspects of ornamental horticulture and gardening and can lead to designation as a Certified Texas Master Gardener," he said.

Persons wishing to enter the program should already have knowledge and skills in basic ornamental horticulture, gardening and general related areas, Ragland added.

Participants selected for the program will receive 50 hours of instruction during eight day-long sessions. Instructors will include faculty from the Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Forest Service, all agencies of the Texas A&M University System; Texas Tech University; members of the West Texas Arts and Botanical Association; and the Lubbock Rose Society.

All training will be held at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, located on FM 1294 east of I-27 at the Shallowater exit.

A course fee of \$50 includes a

detailed Master Gardener handbook, other training materials, a certificate and wallet identification card.

At the end of the training, participants must pass a written examination and complete 50 hours of volunteer horticultural service in their county, under supervision of their county Extension Service faculty. Upon satisfactory completion of these requirements, a graduate will become a certified Texas Master Gardener. To retain certification, a Master Gardener must update his training every two years.

"In our county, the volunteer service will include such duties as answering horticultural telephone calls, possibly making home visits and assisting with horticultural clinics," Ragland said.

Application blanks and other information for the Master Gardener program are available at the county Extension office, and the forms must be completed and returned to Ragland by Jan. 31. Ragland then will select trainees from the county by Feb. 1.

For more information contact Ragland at 647-4115.

Disaster loan deadline nears

Businesses in six West Texas counties including Castro have until Feb. 2 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the US Small Business Administration.

The SBA's economic injury disaster loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from early freeze, low water temperature and heavy and continuous rainfall which occurred Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 1991.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA, toll-free at 1-800-366-6303, or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Businesses in the following counties may file for loans: Deaf Smith, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall and Castro.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the early freeze, low water temperature and heavy and continuous rainfall reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the adverse weather are not eligible.



Farmers Union names officers

The Castro County Farmers Union board of directors has reorganized the county association and elected new officers last Thursday.

Daniel Higgins is the organization's new president while Rex Ramackers and Richard Jackson were named vice presidents and Kent Birkenfeld was elected secretary-treasurer.

Directors include Rodney Hunter, Steve Nutt, Kurt Wales, Steve Whitaker, Mark Bennett, Leslie Davis, Kevin Acker, Larry Robb, Coby Gilbreath, Lance Loudder and Kevin Riley.

During the meeting, members discussed the state convention at Austin, which is being held today (Thursday) through Saturday.

In an effort to gain community awareness of its activities, the group also voted to hold a benefit raffle and membership drive during the county stock show.

Ogallala levels to be measured

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is making annual depth-to-water measurements to determine the effect of 1992 pumpage on ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the 15-county Water District service area.

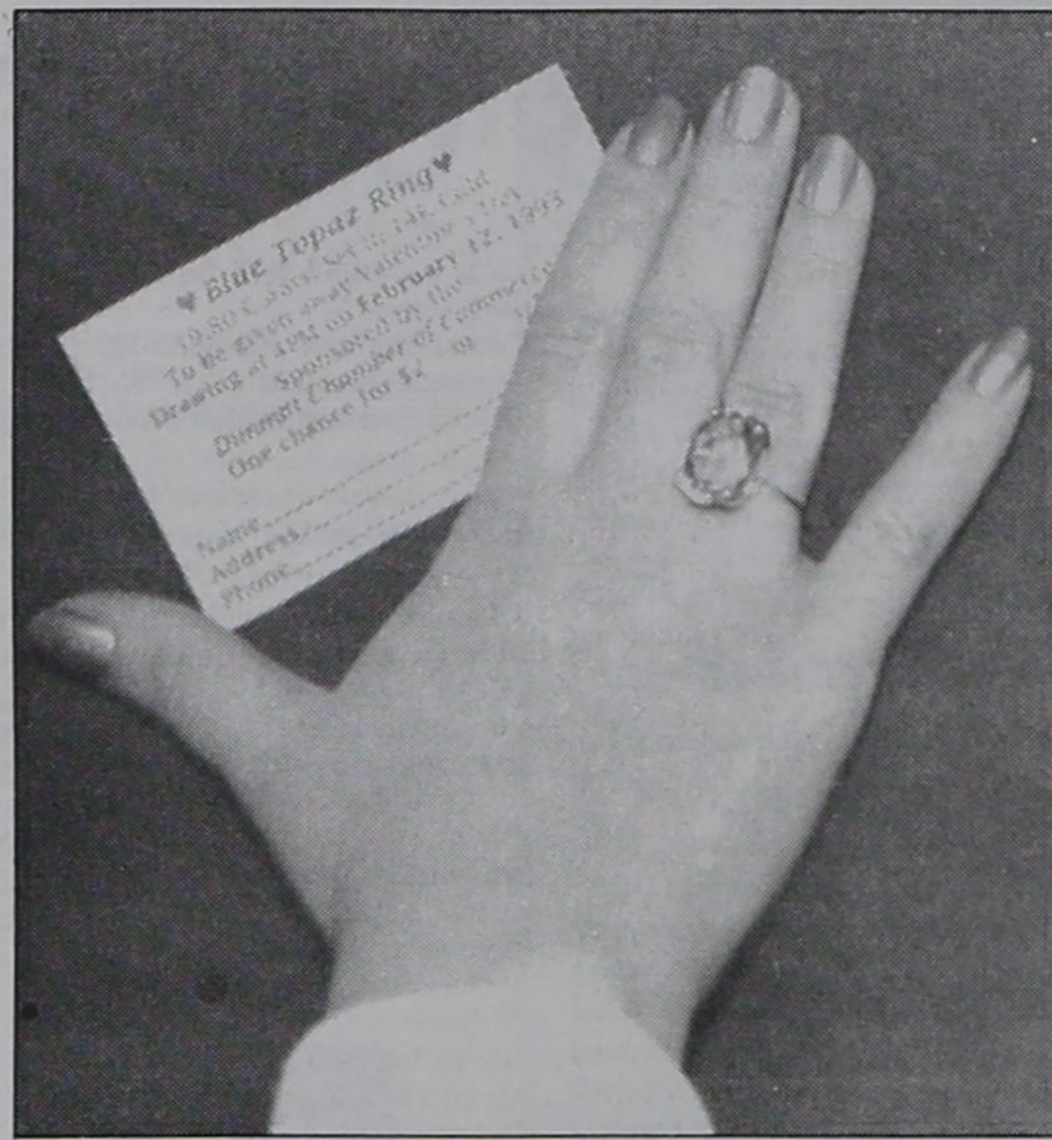
Measurements are taken in the district's network of more than 1,000 privately-owned observation well network. The wells are spaced at a density of about one well per nine square miles throughout the district.

Water District staff take the measurement by lowering a steel tape to the depth of the current static water level inside the observation well. The lower 10 to 15 feet of the tape is coated with blue carpenter's chalk. When the chalked tape comes in contact with the ground water, it turns a darker shade of blue. This section of wetted tape is subtracted from the total amount of tape lowered into the well to determine the depth-to-water from land surface.

After the depth-to-water level measurement is taken, the data is recorded and a vinyl sticker showing the well number, the depth-to-water measurement and the date the well was measured is affixed to equipment at the well site.

Water District staff members currently are taking water level measurements in the northern portion of the district and will work their way south. Blue and white district vehicles are easily identified and personnel will be glad to discuss the water level measurement with landowners and/or operators.

The observation wells are measured each year and the data collected is compared with that of previous years to determine any changes in the ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer. This data is used to construct maps showing changes in water levels and the saturated thickness of the aquifer within the Water District.



THIS 19.8-KARAT BLUE TOPAZ RING is being raffled off by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The organization is selling chances for \$2 each or three for \$5. Tickets may be purchased from any Chamber of Commerce director or at the Chamber office at 115 West Bedford in Dimmitt. The drawing for the ring will be held on Feb. 12.

Photo by Deana McLain

Chamber to raffle 19.8-K topaz ring

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is selling chances on a 19.8-karat blue topaz stone, which has been set in a 14-karat gold ring by J.R. Brown of Dimmitt.

The stone has been appraised at up to \$1,190, according to Heller.

Tickets for chances on the ring are selling for \$2 each or three for \$5, and may be purchased from any chamber board member or at the chamber office at 115 West Bedford in Dimmitt. Tickets also will be offered at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Jan. 30.

The drawing for the ring will be held on Feb. 12, according to Chamber Executive Director Delores Heller.

Agency offers help for blind

The Texas Commission for the Blind is a vocational rehabilitation agency for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Some of the services provided to eligible persons include counseling and guidance, vocational evaluation and career exploration, job training, employment assistance, daily living skills training, and medical services. Programs are available for children, adults and older citizens.

If you are blind or visually impaired or know someone who is, call toll-free 1-800-252-5204.

WTRT committee to nominate board members

A nominating committee to select candidates for the board of directors of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at the cooperative's offices on South Highway 385 in Hereford.

The terms of directors Billy Mayfield of the Oklahoma Lane exchange in Parmer County; and J.B. Noland of the Summerfield exchange and Pat Robbins of the Frio exchange, both in Castro County, are expiring.

The nominating committee will propose two nominees for each of the three director positions. Incumbent board members are eligible for re-election.

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative members will be notified by letter in March concerning the nominees for the director positions.

Directors will be elected during the 39th annual membership meeting on March 25 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Members of the nominating committee are Marion Carson, Danny Allen, Bill Nichols, Jerry Davis, J.R. Euler, Dee Taylor, Edward Rohrbach, George Turrentine and Pat Smith.

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Obituaries

William Cowan

Graveside services for William C. Cowan, 76, of Lubbock were held Tuesday morning in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia. Memorial services were held afterward in Tulia's First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Davis Price, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Cowan died Sunday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Tulia and married Carrie Maxine Douglas in 1937 in Dimmitt. He was a retired grain elevator operator and farmer. He was a past member of the Tulia Volunteer Fire Dept., a former Tulia city council member and a past director of the Texas Grain Dealers Association. He moved to Lubbock in 1987 from Abilene.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Janice Riley of Sweetwater and Carole Tucker of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Helen Malone of Tulia and Gloria Kessinger of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Joe and Lynn, both of Tulia; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ruby Ann Maples

Services for Ruby Ann Maples, 93, longtime Dimmitt resident, were held Saturday afternoon in Dimmitt's First Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor, and Rev. Van Earl Hughes, retired minister, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Maples died at 2:45 a.m. last Thursday, Jan. 14, in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Grayson County and had lived in Wellington. She had been a Castro County resident since 1917. She married Clement Maples on July 27, 1915, in Memphis. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, C.G. Maples; and a daughter, Dorothy Elder.

She played the guitar in Dimmitt's first orchestra and played on the women's basketball team. She was a past member of the Ladies' Aid Society and was active in the First Baptist Church and Cradle Roll Dept. in Sunday School for 51 years.

Survivors include a brother, Lonnie Andrews of Oklahoma; two sisters, Pauline Armor of Oklahoma and Tinsie Reed of California; four grandchildren including Trudy Jackson, Gayle Becker, Judith Tate and Tomie Maples; 10 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Jackson, Jason Jackson, Richard Jackson, Jeff Ratcliff, Jim Tate, Philip Becker and Tomie Maples.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church Nursery, 1201 Western Circle, Dimmitt.

Jarrell D. Porter

Jarrell D. Porter, 62, of Carter, Okla., stepfather of Connie Wilhelm of Nazareth, died Sunday.

Services were held Wednesday in the Carter First Baptist Church with John Rodgers, officiating.

Burial will be in the Poarch Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Sayre, Okla.

Mr. Porter was born in Carter and graduated from Carter High School in 1949. He moved to the Texas Panhandle in 1955 and drove a truck for Cabot Corp. for many years. He then moved to South Texas and returned to Amarillo in 1960. He resumed farming in 1968. He married Billie Gail Clark Lockhart in 1970 at Amarillo. He drove trucks for Acco Feed Co. and Save-A-Stop Corp. in Amarillo. He works as an instructor for Texas State Technical College until 1988, when they moved to Carter. He farmed and ranched in Carter and attended the Carter First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, LaDonna Jean Vaught and Sharla Lou Hudson, both of Carter; two stepdaughters, Wilhelm and Denise Brown of Amarillo; a son, Ronnie Porter of Carter; a stepson, Douglas Lockhart of Dalhart; his parents, Nolen and Clara Porter of Carter; a sister, Wanda Lou Patton of Sayre; and 15 grandchildren.

Ruby Prestidge

Funeral services for Dimmitt native Ruby Billings Prestidge, 83, of Wolforth were held Saturday afternoon in Wolforth's First Baptist Church with Rev. Gene Tone, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Seagraves Cemetery under the direction of Connally Funeral Home of Seagraves.

Mrs. Prestidge died last Thursday at her home after a brief illness. She had been under hospice care.

Mrs. Prestidge was born in Dimmitt and had lived in the T-Bar community before moving to Wolforth. Her first husband, Earl Billings, died in 1954. She married Bill Prestidge in 1958 in Fairfield. She was a quilter and a member of the Good Sams Club of First Baptist Church in Wolforth.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Walter Billings, Tommy Billings, and Alton Billings, all of Seagraves; four brothers, Wayne Moore of Seattle, Wash., Rupert Moore of Brock, and Howard and Arol, both of O'Donnell; a sister, Bertrice Ward of Seagraves; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock.

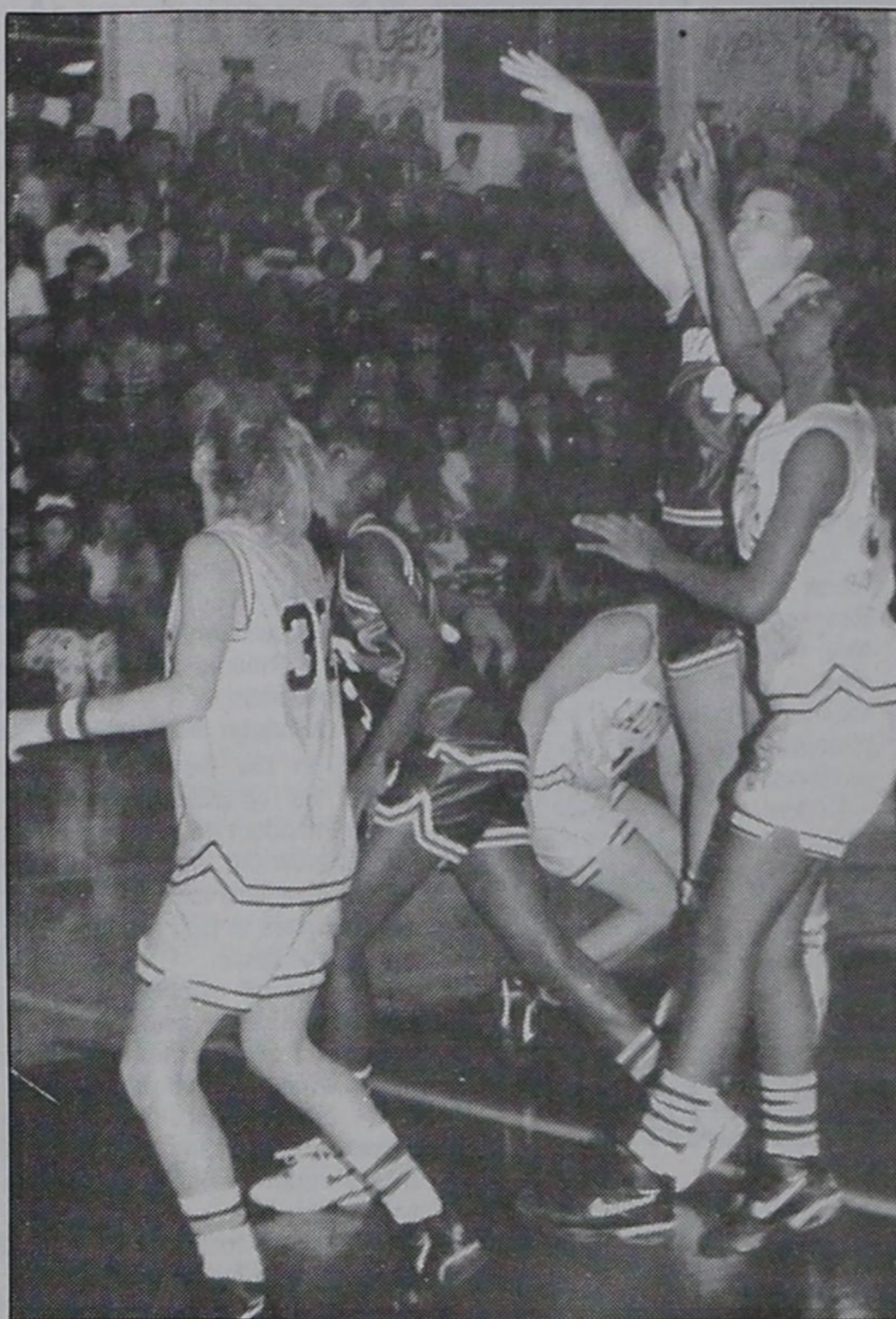
Methodist Home offers 'open' adoption service

The Methodist Mission Home of San Antonio now offers fully disclosed or "open" adoptions in addition to the home's traditional adoption services.

Under the "open" option, each of the parties in the adoption will know the identity of the other. The birthparents and the adoptive parents will have the opportunity to meet and jointly plan for the adoption.

The role of the Mission Home will be to help the parties plan their adoption by counseling, advising, guiding and helping the parties assess potential risks in the adoption process.

Persons interested in making an adoption plan for a child, or couple interested in adopting a child can call the Methodist Mission Home at (512) 696-7021.



TARA GRAND sinks a turnaround jumper after a steal and feed by teammate Kim Thomas (center) in the first quarter of the Bobbies' district game at Littlefield Friday night. This basket gave the Bobbies an early 4-2 lead over the Lady Wildcats, and Dimmitt went on to win by a lopsided 66-37 score. Photo by Don Nelson

Local residents may receive job training

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) has funds available to help residents of Castro County receive job training, according to Trent Morris, Texas Employment Commission job service representative from Tulia.

This program can send eligible applicants to area colleges for vocational training in specific occupations or place them with businesses for on-the-job training, Morris said. The TEC is the service provider for JTPS in Castro County.

Current students, as well as those planning to start school in January, are encouraged to talk with a JTPA representative to see if they may be eligible for assistance.

Occupations for which classroom training is approved include licensed vocational nurses, correctional officers, truck drivers, mechanics, surgical technicians, and

various other health-care-related fields.

For more information, contact Morris on Tuesdays in the Commissioners Court room at the courthouse, or call 647-4451.

JTPA is administered and funded by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo.

Correction

A cutline under a picture of Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt said the hospital is in the process of a \$515 million renovation project. The project is not \$515 million, but \$515,000.

The correct amount was listed in the story, "Hospital receiving 'face lift'."

The News regrets the error.

Local TAAS scores reflect improvement

County juniors showed across-the-board improvement in reading, writing and math, and tested above the state average on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exit level tests, which were administered in October.

Juniors from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth High Schools improved their 1992 test scores over those from 1991.

High school students are given the TAAS exit level test when they are juniors, and they must pass each portion of the test before they can graduate from high school.

"We are really excited about our test results," said Dimmitt Supt. Bob Barrett. "Students from all economic and ethnic groups improved their test scores and we feel really good about that. Our staff—teachers and administrators—did an outstanding job in preparing the students."

Dimmitt juniors showed 90% mastery in writing on the 1992 test, which is one percentage point higher than last year's results (89%), and that figure is above the state average of 83%.

In reading, Dimmitt students raised their percentage of mastery from 65% in 1991 to 84% this year, and that also is higher than the average of 76%.

70% of Dimmitt juniors met the minimum requirements in math this year (an improvement over 1991 scores of 58%).

Nazareth and Hart juniors showed 100% mastery in writing and students in Nazareth also recorded 100% mastery in reading. 80% of Nazareth's juniors mastered the math portion of the test. Nazareth students also tested 100% mastery in writing in 1991, but only managed 95% in reading. In 1991, 59% of Hart juniors mastered reading while 81% mastered writing.

Hart improved its math scores, too, from 50% mastery in 1991 to 84% this year.

"We are elated with the students' achievements," said Shirley Barnes, Hart Independent School District counselor. "Our people have worked so hard to bring the scores up—the students, teachers and parents."

79% of Nazareth's students mastered the math portion of the test in 1991, while 80% mastered it this year.

County students also showed improvement on the seventh- and third-grade tests, which were given in September.

Here are the results from those tests:

DIMMITT
Third grade: Writing, 49%; reading, 68%; and math, 75%.
Seventh grade: Writing, 73%; reading, 54%; and math, 49%.

HART
Third grade: Writing, 55%; reading, 56%; and math, 81%.
Seventh grade: Writing, 50%; reading, 43%; and math, 43%.

NAZARETH
Third Grade: Writing, 100%; reading, 96%; and math, 96%.
Seventh Grade: Writing, 83%; reading, 75%; and math, 88%.

Police Calls

An 18-year-old Dimmitt youth was arrested for fleeing from a police officer at 1:49 a.m. Sunday.

Police reported that the young man and a companion were riding a three-wheeler at a high rate of speed in the 100 block of Northwest 11th Street. Reportedly, the vehicle was running without lights and the driver refused to stop after officers had signalled for him to stop.

A 44-year-old Hereford woman told police Sunday night that a suspect had started a fight with her at the Star Dance Hall. The incident was reported as an assault.

A Dimmitt family reported to police that someone had called

their home and made threats against their son. The incident was reported around 2:45 p.m. Monday.

An undisclosed amount of cash and \$18-worth of gasoline were reported taken from the Dimmitt Allsup's store between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Jan. 12.

Lisa Laurent Alvarez of Dimmitt recently lost her purse from her vehicle while it was parked in the IGA Foodliner parking lot. The purse and most of its contents were later recovered.

A 22-year-old Dimmitt man remained in jail as of Tuesday afternoon, serving out time on DWI charges. The man was booked into the jail at 8:40 p.m. Friday.

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